

BUSINESS MEN TO RAISE \$100,000

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case, P. St. Julien Wilson and John Starnett Bryan, President Anderson of the corporation, will be ex-officio chairman of the executive committee. John C. Easley was chosen treasurer of the Richmond-Washington Highway Corporation, in the place of Thomas L. Moore, who could not serve.

The following directors were present: Fritz Sittlering, J. T. Palmatory, Preston Belvin, P. St. Julien Wilson, Samuel Cohen, J. C. Easley, Henry W. Anderson and R. R. Albert of Richmond; George Lyon, Caroline, G. B. Wallace, Stafford, and Henry Warden and W. S. Embrey, of Fredericksburg.

Time Now for Action.
President Anderson, in presenting the report of the committee on organization, directed attention to the significance of the proposed international highway held for the city of Richmond. While the committee through which the Richmond-Washington link will pass would be completed through increased property values and other income, Richmond, as the terminus and natural stopping point, he said, would be the greatest beneficiary. With the route between Richmond and Washington still an open question, he said, it was time for the business men of the city to act, if they are really in earnest.

To the suggestion that aid for the construction of the Richmond-Washington road be sought in Washington and New York, Mr. Anderson replied that he would not favor such a proceeding until the citizens of Richmond had first demonstrated their willingness to contribute to its construction themselves. When this is done, he said, it will be easy to get assistance from other cities.

Committee Report.
The report of the Committee on Organization showed the progress of the Richmond-Washington Highway Corporation so far, and summarized the previous meetings held by that body. It emphasized the fact that an organization, however, efficient, accomplishes nothing in itself, but is merely an agency through which the enterprise of the community can be directed to the achievement of desired results. Nothing but the hardest kind of work on the part of the business organizations of the city could make the enterprise a success. On the subject of Richmond's interest in the highway, it said:

"We can not afford to let this great international highway traverse any other route than through Richmond. We cannot afford this because it would be directly injurious in its effects upon this community, but it can be easily seen that the construction of this road will be directly and affirmatively profitable to the people of Richmond. The automobile has come to stay and is playing an important part in the life and development of our people. The territory through which this road will pass is perhaps the most interesting from an historical standpoint of any in the country. Richmond is the center of this territory. If proper highway facilities were furnished it would obviously follow that the number of tourists visiting Richmond and vicinity by automobile in every year would be large and constantly increasing. It looked at from no other standpoint, the actual money expended by such tourists in this community would pay in a very short time the entire cost of the construction of such a road."

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committee of men, can accomplish this result. It can only be accomplished by the organized co-operation of the entire community. We appeal, therefore, for subscriptions to aid in this work. For the business interests of the city, who have assumed its responsibility, but as giving to the people of Richmond the privilege of contributing to a movement which directly affects all of their diversified interests."

Indorsed by Wilson.

The construction of the Richmond-Washington link of the international highway, as well as the plan adopted to raise the money, was strongly indorsed by State Highway Commissioner P. St. Julien Wilson, who looked upon the road as good as constructed. He offered the co-operation of the State road engineering department, as well as such other aid as the Commonwealth could properly extend.

Samuel Cohen thought that the money could be raised easily in four days. For the business interests of Richmond, he said, \$100,000 is a mere bagatelle. Other speeches were made by J. G. Corley, John M. Miller, Jr., and Preston Belvin.

President Anderson read telegrams from F. H. Mayo and John Stewart Bryan expressing regret at their inability to be present at the meeting, and promising their aid in any plan that the meeting should adopt. A letter from F. M. Carrington, president of the Chamber of Commerce, promised the co-operation of that body.

Lad Horribly Mangled.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Appomattox, Va., April 26.—Master Leonard Godsey, nine years old, son of Hubert Godsey, while trying to ride a freight train today, had one of his legs horribly mangled. The little fellow was found crawling to his home, about a half-mile distant. Surgical attention was rendered, and it was found necessary to amputate a limb. He will recover.

Planning for Reunion.

R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1, Confederate Veterans, last night discussed informally arrangements for the dedication which will take place at the annual reunion May 2-10. Those going to the annual reunion will probably leave Richmond over the Southern Railway on Sunday night, May 5, though final arrangements as to leave and train have not been perfected. It is expected that a large delegation from Lee Camp will attend the reunion.

DISTRESS SIGNALS OF TITANIC SEEN BY CALIFORNIAN

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cation with the Titanic that evening? "Not at all."

"Did the Titanic have further communication with you?" "Not at all."

"How far were the Californian and the Titanic apart when you sent your message to the Titanic telling her you were blocked in the ice?"

"From the position we had of the Titanic we were about nineteen and a half miles apart."

Did Not Get Call.
"Did the Californian receive the Titanic's C. Q. D. call?"

"No," said the captain, "but we got it from the Virginian about 6 o'clock the morning of the 15th."

"What is the speed of the Californian?"

"About eleven knots ordinarily," said the captain. "We made thirteen and one-half when we were going to the Titanic."

"Were you under full speed then?" "We were driving all we could."

"When you told the Titanic you were surrounded by ice, how badly were you surrounded?"

"The witness said the field was about twenty-five miles long and several miles wide. The Californian, he said, was about a quarter mile from the edge of the ice."

"What did you notify the Titanic for?"

"As a matter of courtesy entirely. I didn't know where she was. As a matter of fact, I thought she was eighteen miles south of us."

"Do you know anything regarding the Titanic disaster of your own knowledge?"

"Nothing," he said.

"Did you see any of her signals or anything of the ship herself?"

"No."

"Was the Titanic beyond your range of vision?"

"Yes, nineteen and a half or twenty miles away."

Senator Smith asked the witness how long it took the Californian to get to the scene of the Titanic disaster. He read from the log to show that at 6 o'clock they started for the scene, cleared the thick ice a half-hour later, and under full steam drew alongside the Carpathia at 8:30.

Was on Bridge Till 10:30 o'clock.
Captain Lord said he was on the bridge himself until 10:30 Sunday night and that the watch was doubled.

"We had reports two or three days before of the presence of ice ahead," he said, "and we took precautions."

"From whom did you receive these reports?"

"Captain Barr, of the Caronia, gave us a report on April 13, the day before," said Captain Lord.

"What further advice?"

"Barr's message told us that west-bound steamers reported field ice on the 12th. That was two days before."

"What was the next warning?"

"Captain Parham was afraid of us. I asked the Caronia April 14, in the daytime, and she said she had passed three large icebergs. The New Amsterdam also warned us that on April 14 she had passed icebergs."

You had received the Titanic's distress call Sunday evening, after your communication with the Titanic, how long would it have taken you to reach her?"

"At the very least, two hours, under the best conditions."

"When you got to the scene the next morning did you see any wreckage?"

"Yes, a little, but considering the size of the disaster, there was very little. It looked more like a fishing smack had been wrecked."

"See any bodies?"

"No, neither dead nor alive," said the captain.

Captain Lord remained searching from 8:30 to 11:30 A. M. and saw no further sign of the Titanic.

"Do you know whether your wireless operator was on duty Sunday night after you sent the warning message?"

"I think not. I went by his room about 11:45, and there was no light. It would indicate he had gone to bed."

Captain Lord said that if the operator had been on duty he would have caught the Titanic's signal.

The captain was asked by Senator Smith whether he had seen any distress signals, and he replied that he had seen none.

Captain Lord said that at the Californian's position, 19-1/2 miles away from the Titanic, it would have been impossible to see either the Morse signals or the distress signals.

Cyril Evans, the wireless operator of the Californian, testified that he turned in at 11:25 Sunday night and never heard any distress signals from the Titanic.

In the evening the Titanic called me up and I answered signals," said Evans. "I said, 'Here's a message for you about ice,' and he said he had heard me send it to the other ships."

A positive declaration that within three miles of the Titanic when that vessel sank, was another steamer whose two masthead lights were plainly visible, was made by Edward John Bailey, of Southampton, an able seaman. Bailey testified that this ship was in sight when the Titanic struck, and that "she passed right by" without any signal.

"She could not help but see our rockets. She was close enough to see our lights and to see the ship itself and also the rockets. She was bound to see them," he said.

Pythian Sister Temple.
Mrs. Julia Hill, Mrs. Florence Bowden, Mrs. Virginia Leslie, Mrs. Rosa Silver and Mrs. Lena Wood, accompanied by Mrs. Sallie Murphy, grand chief, of Lombury; Mrs. Elsie Vander Vort, grand senior, and Mrs. Beulah Kahert, grand deputy, of Washington, left Richmond Wednesday morning for Newport News to institute a Pythian Sister Temple. They were met by a delegation from Washington and Warwick lodges, of Newport News. They were entertained by Washington Lodge Wednesday night and by Warwick Lodge Thursday night.

Glad His Father Died Hero's Death
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man. "She has not been permitted to dwell on what happened that night for more than a minute at a time. That has been the order of the physicians, who are attending her. If at any time she has begun to speak of the terrible experiences the conversation has been immediately switched. Practically all we know of how my father conducted himself on this

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night we have learned from the outside. And it has been wonderfully good," choked out the boy, "to hear that my father died as he did."

He stopped and walked away for a moment to hide his emotions. He was dressed entirely in black. He had come from his bedroom upon learning of the identification of his father's body.

"All Mrs. Astor has been allowed to tell of that night," he went on, "related only to her dressing and being led to the boat by my father. She was unprepared when the collision with the iceberg occurred. My father insisted that she should dress warmly, and then he guided her, her maid and her nurse to the boat. She did not see him after the boat began to descend from the davits. He had barely time to wrap her arms about her before the boat began to descend."

"We have not questioned Mrs. Astor, and will not do so until her condition is much improved. She is entirely too nervous now, and jumps at the least remark. In her delicate state we must be very careful. But she is improving, and I cannot say that there is any need now to worry. Time will bring her both mental and physical strength."

"It is not true that Mrs. Astor's maid or nurse, who were with her, have made any statement about that night. They are both still in the hospital, and I know have said nothing. Stories purporting to come from them are purely imaginary."

Have Not Thought of Will.
"There has been a good deal in the newspapers about my father's will, and it is all rot. We have not even thought of it, and it has not been so much as referred to at any of the family conferences."

"The talk of my visiting my lawyers in reference to the will is all wrong. I have been to my lawyers only in the interest of getting news about my father's body. I have been keeping in touch by telephone with Captain Roberts (skipper of the Astor yacht Nomax), who is in Halifax."

"The first news I received came to me while I was in bed this morning from a newspaper office. A little later I got a 'phone message from the White Star Line confirming the good news. It has lifted a great burden from my mind. I will not go to Halifax. Captain Roberts will look after the bringing on of my father's body."

"There is another matter concerning the report of the loss of Mrs. Astor's jewels which I would like to correct. I can state that whatever jewels are bought by any member of the family are not carried about by them. The jewels of the family are always carried and cared for by agents of the family. Mrs. Astor had very few jewels with her."

Asked if he had received word of the coming to New York of his mother, Mrs. Ava Willing Astor, the young man replied: "Yes, my mother is coming, and I expect that she will arrive next week. I do not know where she is going to stop, nor does anybody else at this time. Now, if there was anything more I could tell you I would gladly do so. There is nothing I wish to conceal. The trouble is that those outside the family know so much more than we do."

Not One Jarring Word.
"All that I have learned about my father's death has come from the outside. I cannot tell you how eagerly I have devoured this news. It has

been a wonderful stimulant to me at this time. It has helped me to bear up. There has been no hint or suggestion, and it has been so splendid to hear that I can never hear enough of it."

The boy's eyes were wet and his lips quivering as he bade the reporter goodbye, and thanked him again for the early news of the recovery of his father's body.

OBITUARY

Funeral of Captain T. J. Cunningham.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Amherst, Va., April 26.—The funeral services of the late Captain T. J. Cunningham took place yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock in the Methodist Church at Amherst. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. L. H. Hunter, and Rev. C. E. Blankenship, of Franklin. Appropriate musical selections were sung at the church and at the grave by the Amherst Choral Club, of which Mr. Cunningham was a member. The interment was in the Amherst cemetery. Mr. Cunningham at the time of his death was clerk of the Courthouse District School Board. For many years he had been a member of the Methodist Church.

Funeral of Edward Shiffert.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Harrisonburg, Va., April 26.—Without any funeral services, as was his request, Edward Shiffert, eighty years old, an eccentric old Confederate soldier, was buried this afternoon from his home at Harrisonburg, Rockingham county. Two months ago, while in his home, he was stricken with paralysis. He fell to the floor and lay all night helpless, contracting pneumonia, which proved fatal.

Mr. Shiffert belonged to a local camp of Confederate veterans, and recently was awarded a cross of honor.

John Kenney.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Harrisonburg, Va., April 26.—John Kenney, eighty years old, a wealthy retired lawyer, former Confederate soldier and last member of a distinguished family, died last night in his room on Public Square. He graduated in law at Washington and Lee University, then known as Washington College, and after practicing a few years in Texas, came to Harrisonburg. His father, John Kenney, Sr., was a judge in Rockingham county, and James Kenney, the late James Kenney, succeeded Judge O'Ferrall, who later became Governor of Virginia. Mr. Kenney leaves two nephews—Kenney McKay, of Harrisonburg, and Henry McKay, of Luray. He never married. In recent years he joined the Presbyterian Church and contributed generously to it.

Colonel Joseph H. Ham.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Newport News, Va., April 26.—Colonel Joseph Hutchison Ham, aged seventy-three years, Confederate veteran and superintendent of schools of Warwick county, died suddenly to-day at his home at Morrisville. In his usual health last night, but later was seized with an attack of acute indigestion and died before a doctor summoned from this city could reach him.

Colonel Ham was a native of Elizabeth City county, and attended the Virginia Military Institute. At the outbreak of the Civil War he joined with the Provisional Army of Virginia as a second lieutenant. Colonel Ham was seriously wounded at the second battle of Manassas, being shot in the hip and crippled for life. When the war ended he returned to the army in 1864 and fought to the close of a "32" day to "32" day.

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burg, but later came to Warwick, and was appointed clerk of court. Subsequently he was made superintendent of schools in Warwick, and under his management the school system developed rapidly and is now one of the best county school systems in the State.

Besides his widow, who was Miss Anna Gambol, of Warwick, Colonel Ham is survived by five children: W. Taylor Ham, of Norfolk; Archibald Ham, of Morrisville; Joseph Hutchison Ham, of Charlottesville, N. C.; Mrs. F. P. Barlow, of Rome, Ga.; and Mrs. B. W. Jones, of Morrisville.

Otto L. Farmer.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Berryville, Va., April 26.—Otto L. Farmer, aged twenty-seven years, of this place, died this afternoon after a lingering illness. He is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Farmer; an infant daughter, one sister, Miss Pearl Farmer, and one brother, John Farmer. His wife, who was Miss Natalie Hodden before her marriage, preceded him to the grave about two years ago. The funeral will take place at Pleasant Grove.

H. Walker Shepherd.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Berryville, Va., April 26.—H. Walker Shepherd, one of the best known and most useful citizens of Clarke county, died Wednesday morning at his county residence, after a brief attack of pleurisy. He leaves a widow and two sisters, but no children. Mr. Shepherd was a successful farmer, and was about fifty years of age.

Edward W. Maxfield.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Alexandria, Va., April 26.—Edward W. Maxfield, sixteen years old, son of Edward F. and Mary Maxfield, died last night at his parents' home, 1129 Prince Street. His funeral will take place at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

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